

Pawnee County Commissioners
Minutes
July 19, 2021

Present: Commissioners: Rein, Hammeke, Lewis, Clerk Rein.

8:06 Meeting was called to order.

Clerk Rein presented agenda, payable vouchers, checks, payroll report for approval and signature and checks, approved minutes for signature as well as draft minutes for review and corrections. Pawnee County Interim statement. Clerk Report.

Discussion for Budget year 2022 began.

9:00 Jon Prescott, Sunflower Diversified Services spoke to the Commissioners regarding the additional funding requested for Budget year 2022. Jon explained the additional funds would allow for the Autism program to be placed in Pawnee County. Jon stated they currently have 4 children in the program. Staff has been hired and will be trained.

Jon also wanted to bring to Commissioners the price change for recycling from \$30.00 a ton to \$40.00 a ton with tipping fee. Jon stated they do lots of pick up from businesses, hospital, schools. 195 tons of recycled waste last year comes from Pawnee County.

9:07 **Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes from 9:08 to 9:13 for reason of personnel to include Pawnee County Clerk Rein. Motion passes 3-0**

9:13 Commissioners resumed to regular session. No action taken.

9:13 Additional Budget discussion took place regarding Pawnee County departments: Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Zoning, Road & Bridge, Library Appropriations and Treasurer.

9:26 **Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes from 9:27 to 9:32 for the reason of personnel to include County Clerk and County Attorney McNett.**

9:32 Commissioners reconvened to regular session. No action taken.

County Clerk Rein updated the Commissioners that the Sparks Grant is finalized and closed.

Clerk Rein spoke to the Commissioners regarding Computer program CIC, for the accounting and other county business. Clerk Rein stated the Register of Deeds already used this program and a discount would be offered if the county should decide to switch in the future. Clerk Rein stated CIC will be scheduling a Demo session towards the end of August.

Clerk Rein presented information regarding Flexible Saving Accounts. Clerk Rein stated she has spoken to two different companies regarding their Flex Saving Account for county employees. Clerk Rein stated the cost to the county would be an administrative cost but believes it could still save County money by the FICA dollars, since contributions would be pre-taxed.

Commissioners continued to discussion 2022 budget and changes that need to be addressed.

11:00

Cheryl Hoberecht, Pawnee County Health Department Head spoke to the commissioners regarding a new hire and pay scale. Cheryl stated the new hire has their CNA license and would be able to help with weights and measurement, but this person is also going to help up front as well as be the Peer Breastfeeding person.

Cheryl informed the Commissioners that being part of the Barton County Disease Reduction Grant, she addressed the city council to see if was possible to make the city parks not just smoke free but tobacco free environment. Cheryl stated council did not make any decisions that night but will discuss it later.

11:32

Kara Lawrence, City of Larned EMS Director spoke to the Commissioners via telephone. Kara was calling for the approval of the logo placement on the new ambulance. The County logo will be place on the hood and on the back doors of the ambulance. The Commissioners asked that the logo also be placed on the sides of the ambulance, discussion took place. The County logo will also be placed on the side cabinet doors.

Clerk Rein discussed the agenda for July 26, 2021.

11:52

Motion to Adjourn.



For the Board:

Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:

County Clerk